

SOLICITATION, OFFER, AND AWARD

1. In solicitation, the first page contains the Solicitation, Offer, and Award form. In Block 9., the solicitation due date time is listed as 3:30 p.m. but no date is identified. When is the due date for proposals? Is there a due date for questions to be submitted?

ANSWER: The due date for proposals was inadvertently omitted in the solicitation and is as stated in Amendment No. 0001. The due date for questions was as stated in Section L.4 of the solicitation.

SECTION B

2. Section L.8.B.b [page L-4] indicates that “prices for cells where samples have not been recently ordered (wave 1 for Atlantic coast and waves 2 and 6 for Maine and New Hampshire) should be provided by offerors but will not be used in the cost evaluation.” Spreading fixed costs over likely “null cells” will artificially deflate the overall cost per unit.” Is it acceptable to the NMFS that the offeror provide unit costs in these cells which represent only the incremental cost of conducting interviews over and above the total estimated sample size? If so, the unit prices in the null cells will be considerably lower than the cells in which interviews are expected to occur. The offeror will stipulate that the null cell per unit prices are only available if the estimated order quantity is ordered.

ANSWER: Yes, it is reasonable that the fixed costs would be covered under the expected sample sizes and spreading them over likely null cells will artificially deflate the overall cost per unit for cells included in the evaluation. Therefore, the per-unit cost should be \$0.00 where the government has not recently ordered samples.

SECTION F

3. Please confirm the period of performance for the solicitation. More specifically, are waves 3 and 4, 2002, included in the scope of this procurement?

ANSWER: The period of performance is changed to include a base and option periods. Sections B and F are changed as stated in Amendment No. 0001.

4. Please confirm the schedule of deliverables listed on page F-2 of the RFP (“Required Data Collection and Delivery Schedule”).

ANSWER: Section F.3 is changed as stated in Amendment No. 0001.

5. F.2 PERIOD OF PERFORMANCE includes reference to the MRFSS Telephone Survey:

ANSWER: Section F.2 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.

6. F.3 TIME OF DELIVERY includes reference to the MRFSS Telephone Survey:

ANSWER: Section F.3 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.

7. F.4.5 "3 copies of...CATI..programs" includes reference to the MRFSS Telephone Survey:

ANSWER: Section F.3 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.

SECTION H

8. Please confirm the key personnel.

ANSWER: Section H.3 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.

9. H.3 KEY PERSONNEL includes reference to the MRFSS Telephone Survey:

ANSWER: Section H.3 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.

10. H.10 SUBCONTRACT APPROVAL includes reference to the MRFSS Telephone Survey.

ANSWER: Section H.10 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.

SECTION L

11. Please confirm the specific items to be addressed in the oral presentation.

ANSWER: Section L.8 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.

12. In reference to NOAA solicitation 52-DGNF-2-90007, Section L.8 (page L-3), part I.A,: Does the written portion of the proposal contain a Section III? If so, please describe the desired contents of Section III?

ANSWER: Section L.8 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.

SECTION M

13. Section M.3 TECHNICAL EVALUATION CRITERIA is unclear in parts because of references to the incorrect Section L, i.e., "Understanding of the requirements..." and "Management approach".

ANSWER: Section L.8 is changed as is stated in Amendment No. 0001.